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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of Kenji SHIMIZU, Akira SAKAWAKI, Hiroshi SAKAI, Takashi HIKOSAKA and Soichi OIKAWA  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREFOR, AND APPARATUS FOR MAGNETIC REPRODUCING AND REPRODUCING RECORDINGS  
Assignee: **SHOWA DENKO K.K., KABUSHIKI KAISHA TOSHIBA**  
Our Ref: Q80049

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation-in-Part Application of pending prior Application No. 10/082,201 (Confirmation No. 4675) filed February 26, 2002 of Kenji SHIMIZU, Akira SAKAWAKI, Hiroshi SAKAI, Takashi HIKOSAKA and Soichi OIKAWA entitled MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREFOR, AND APPARATUS FOR MAGNETIC REPRODUCING AND REPRODUCING RECORDINGS, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/275,102 filed March 13, 2001.

Attached hereto is the Continuation-in-Part Application comprising the specification, including the claims and abstract (31 pages), 3 sheet(s) of drawings, an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

A copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form will be submitted at a later date.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	4	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$770.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$770.00</b>

The statutory filing fee of \$770.00 will be submitted at a later date.



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Priority and benefit are claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-055950	February 28, 2001
U.S. Provisional	60/275,102	March 13, 2001

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 10/082,201.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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